#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Again
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Case No. 4120

LARRY ALAN GRABEL

4 Cindy Lane Alamo, CA 94507

Pharmacist License No. RPH 28046

Respondent.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on January 11, 2013.

It is so ORDERED on December 12, 2012.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 4120			
11	LARRY ALAN GRABEL	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND			
12	4 Cindy Lane Alamo, CA 94507	DISCIPLINARY ORDER			
13	Pharmacist License No. RPH 28046				
14	Respondent.				
15	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settl	ement of this matter, consistent with the public			
16	interest and the responsibility of the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs				
17	the parties hereby agree to the following Stipular	ted Settlement and Disciplinary Order which will			
18	be submitted to the Board for approval and adop	-			
19	PAR	CTIES			
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant), Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, brough				
21	this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris,				
22	Attorney General of the State of California, by J	oshua A. Room, Deputy Attorney General.			
23	2. Respondent Larry Alan Grabel (Respondent) is representing himself in this				
24	proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.				
25	3. On or about November 17, 1972, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License				
26	No. RPH 28046 to Larry Alan Grabel (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force				
27	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 4120 and will expire on				
28	June 30, 2013, unless renewed.				

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**JURISDICTION** 

4. Accusation No. 4120 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 29, 2012. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 4120 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

#### **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands, the charges and allegations in
   Accusation No. 4120. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of, this
   Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

## <u>CULPABILITY</u>

- 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 4120, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Pharmacist License.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline.

  Respondent gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.
- 10. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### **RESERVATION**

11. Admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Pharmacy or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this stipulation, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 15. In consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 28046, issued to Larry Alan Grabel (Respondent), is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

#### Suspension 1.

As part of probation, Respondent is suspended from the practice of pharmacy for two hundred seventy (270) days beginning on the effective date of this decision.

During suspension, Respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs licensed by the board, or any manufacturer, or where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall Respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the board, or have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume practice until notified by the board.

During suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent shall not perform the duties of a pharmacy technician or a designated representative for any entity licensed by the board.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 2. **Tolling of Suspension**

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not leave California for any period exceeding ten (10) days, regardless of purpose (including vacation). Any such absence in excess of ten (10) days during suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

Moreover, any absence from California during the period of suspension exceeding ten (10) days shall toll the suspension, i.e., the suspension shall be extended by one day for each day over ten (10) days Respondent is absent from California. During any such period of tolling of suspension, Respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of departure, and must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of return. The failure to provide such notification(s) shall constitute a violation of probation. Upon such departure and return, Respondent shall not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the board that the period of suspension has been satisfactorily completed.

#### 3. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled substances laws
- a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime
- discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
  which involves Respondent's pharmacist license or which is related to the practice of
  pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging
  for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 4. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 5. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

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#### 6. Report to the Board

Respondent shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, Respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the board.

#### 7. Continuing Education

Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the board or its designee.

#### 8. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

## 9. Notification of Change in Employment, Name, Address(es), or Phone(s)

Respondent shall notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent shall further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address, mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

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#### 10. Employment Requirement: Tolling of Probation; Absence from State

Except during periods of suspension, Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of twenty (20) hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met tolls the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation is extended by one month for each month in which the minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling, Respondent must comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should Respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of twenty (20) hours per calendar month in California, Respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

Respondent must notify the board in writing at least ten (10) days prior to any absence from California, regardless of purpose (including vacation), in excess of twenty (20) days. Unless such absence is pre-approved by the board or its designee, any absence exceeding twenty (20) days shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one day for each day in excess of twenty (20) that Respondent is absent without pre-approval. Respondent must further notify the board in writing within (10) days of his return. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for Respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months or smaller time periods, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent is not practicing as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. for at least twenty (20) hours,. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent is practicing as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. for at least twenty (20) hours.

## 11. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 4120 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking any new employment, Respondent shall cause his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during Respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 4120, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

If Respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent must notify his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 4120 in advance of the Respondent commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking any employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent shall cause his direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that he has read the decision in case number 4120 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgments to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the Respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

## 12. No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Serving as Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant

During the period of probation, Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the board nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

13. Supervised Practice

During the period of probation, Respondent shall practice only under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist not on probation with the board. Upon and after the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall not practice pharmacy and his license shall be automatically suspended until a supervisor is approved by the board or its designee. The supervision shall be, as required by the board or its designee, either:

Continuous – At least 75% of a work week

Substantial - At least 50% of a work week

Partial - At least 25% of a work week

Daily Review - Supervisor's review of probationer's daily activities within 24 hours

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall have his supervisor submit notification to the board in writing stating that the supervisor has read the decision in case number 4120 and is familiar with the required level of supervision as determined by the board or its designee. It shall be the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s), pharmacist-in-charge and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgement(s) to the board. Failure to cause the direct supervisor and the pharmacist-in-charge to submit timely acknowledgements to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent changes employment, it shall be the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s), pharmacist-in-charge and/or supervisor(s) submit timely—acknowledgement(s) to the board. Respondent shall have his new supervisor, within fifteen (15) days after employment commences, submit notification to the board in writing stating the direct supervisor and pharmacist-in-charge have read the decision in case number 4120 and is/are familiar with the level of supervision as determined by the board. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy and his license shall be automatically suspended until the board or its designee approves a new supervisor. Failure to cause the direct supervisor and the pharmacist-in-charge to submit timely acknowledgements to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

During any such suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor

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of drugs licensed by the board, or any manufacturer, or where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the board, or have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume practice until notified by the board.

During any such suspension, respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent shall not perform the duties of a pharmacy technician or a designated representative for any entity licensed by the board.

Failure to comply with any such suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### No Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board. Respondent shall sell or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the board within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 15. **Reimbursement of Board Costs**

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent shall pay to the board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$8,000.00. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board or its designee, so long as full payment is made within fifty-four (54) months of the effective date of this decision. There is to be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of his responsibility to reimburse the board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

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#### 16. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the board on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 17. Community Services Program

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, a community service program in which Respondent shall provide free health-care related services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency for at least fifty (50) hours per year for each year of probation (250 hours total). Within thirty (30) days of board approval thereof, Respondent shall submit documentation to the board demonstrating commencement of the community service program. Respondent shall report on progress with the community service program in the quarterly reports. Failure to timely submit, commence, or comply with the program shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 18. Ethics Course

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall, at his own expense, enroll in a course in ethics approved in advance by the board or its designee.

Failure to initiate the course during the first year of probation, and complete it within the second year of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

Respondent shall submit a certificate of completion to the board or its designee within five (5) days after completing the course.

#### 19. Remedial Education

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, an appropriate program of remedial education related to drug security, corresponding responsibility, and/or record-keeping. The program shall include at least five (5) hours per year for each year of probation (25 hours total), completed at respondent's own expense. All remedial education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward, continuing education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes.

Failure to timely submit or complete the approved remedial education shall be considered a violation of probation. In addition, the period of probation will be automatically extended until such remedial education is successfully completed and written proof, in a form acceptable to the board, is provided to the board or its designee.

Following the completion of each course, the board or its designee may require respondent, at his own expense, to take an approved examination to test respondent's knowledge of the course. If respondent does not achieve a passing score on the examination, this failure shall be considered a violation of probation. Any such examination failure shall also require respondent to take another course approved by the board in the same subject area.

#### 20. Separate File of Records

Respondent shall maintain and make available for inspection a separate file of all records pertaining to the acquisition or disposition of all controlled substances. Failure to maintain such file or make it available for inspection shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 21. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, including during the period of suspension, should Respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may tender his license to the board for surrender. The board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable.

Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the Respondent's license history with the board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall relinquish his pocket and wall license to the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board, including any outstanding costs.

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#### 22. Violation of Probation

If Respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed.

If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the board, after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against Respondent during probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

#### 23. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the board or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary-Order.—I-understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 10-26 2 Change Shep

LARRY ALAN GRABEL

Respondent

## **ENDORSEMENT** The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. 10/30/2012 Dated: Respectfully submitted, KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California FRANK H. PACOE Supervising Deputy Attorney General Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SF2011202120 40602053.doc

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 4120

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11	LARRY ALAN GRABEL					
12	4 Cindy Lane Alamo, CA 94507	ACCUSATION				
13	Pharmacist License No. RPH 28046					
14	Respondent.					
15	Complainant alleges:					
16	<u>PARTIES</u>					
17	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity					
18	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharma	cy, Department of Consumer Affairs.				
19	2. On or about November 17, 1972, the	Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License				
20	No. RPH 28046 to Larry Alan Grabel (Respond	ent). The License was in full force and effect at				
21	all times relevant to the charges brought herein a	and will expire on June 30, 2013, unless renewed.				
22	Between on or about September 18, 1986 and or	or about June 15, 2011, and at all times relevant				
23	to the charges brought herein, Respondent was,	and/or was listed in Board records as, Pharmacist				
24	in Charge (PIC) and co-owner of Bacon East Pharmacy (PHY 33076) in Concord, CA.					
25	JURISI	DICTION				
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of					
27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the					
28	Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.					

- 4. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].
- 5. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 6. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Section 4402(a) of the Code provides that any pharmacist license that is not renewed within three years following its expiration may not be renewed, restored, or reinstated and shall be canceled by operation of law at the end of the three-year period. Section 4402(e) of the Code provides that any other license issued by the Board may be canceled by the Board if not renewed within 60 days after its expiration, and any license canceled in this fashion may not be reissued but will instead require a new application to seek reissuance.

#### STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 7. Section 4301 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of "unprofessional conduct," defined to include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
- (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- (o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.
  - (q) Engaging in any conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert a board investigation.
- 8. Section 4306.5 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist may also include any of the following:
  - (a) Inappropriate exercise of his/her education, training, or experience as a pharmacist;

- (b) Failure to exercise or implement his/her best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility with regard to the dispensing or furnishing of controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices, or with regard to the provision of services.
- (c) Failure to consult appropriate patient, prescription, and other records pertaining to the performance of any pharmacy function.
- (d) Failure to fully maintain and retain appropriate patient-specific information pertaining to the performance of any pharmacy function.
- 9. Section 4059 of the Code, in pertinent part, prohibits furnishing of any dangerous drug or dangerous device except upon the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- 10. Section 4059.5 of the Code, in pertinent part, permits ordering/delivery of dangerous drugs or devices only by and to entities licensed by the board and authorized prescribers.
  - 11. Section 4113, subdivision (c) of the Code states:

"The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy."

- 12. Section 4081 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that all records of manufacture, sale, acquisition, or disposition of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices shall be kept open to inspection and retained for at least three years, that a current inventory shall be kept by every pharmacy that maintains a stock of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices, and that the owner(s), officer(s), partner(s), and pharmacist in charge or designated representative in charge shall be jointly responsible for maintaining the records and keeping the inventory.
- 13. Section 4105 of the Code requires, in pertinent part, that unless a waiver is granted by the board, all records and other documentation of the acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs and devices by any entity licensed by the board be retained on the licensed premises, in a readily retrievable form, for three years from the date of making.
- 8. Section 4332 of the Code makes it unlawful for any person: to fail, neglect, or refuse to maintain the records required by Section 4081; or, when called upon by an authorized officer or a member of the baord, to fail, neglect, or refuse to produce or provide the records within a reasonable time; or to willfully produce or furnish records that are false:

14. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718, states:

"'Current Inventory' as used in Sections 4081 and 4332 of the Business and Professions Code shall be considered to include complete accountability for all dangerous drugs handled by every licensee enumerated in Sections 4081 and 4332.

"The controlled substances inventories required by Title 21, CFR, Section 1304 shall be available for inspection upon request for at least 3 years after the date of the inventory."

- 15. Section 4342 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the board may institute any action or actions provided by law and deemed necessary to prevent the sale of pharmaceutical preparations and drugs that do not conform to expected quality or strength.
- 16. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1715, subdivision (a), requires that the pharmacist-in-charge of each pharmacy shall complete a self-assessment of the pharmacy's compliance with federal and state pharmacy law before July 1 of every odd-numbered year, and subdivision (d) requires that each self-assessment shall be kept for three years after completion.
- 17. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1716, in pertinent part, prohibits any pharmacist from deviating from the requirements of a prescription, except by prior consent of the prescriber or for purposes of selection of the drug product pursuant to Section 4073.
- 18. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717, subdivision (b) requires, in pertinent part, that for each prescription on file, certain information shall be maintained and be readily retrievable in the pharmacy, including the date dispensed, and the name or initials of the dispensing pharmacist. All prescriptions filled or refilled by an intern pharmacist must also be initialed by the supervising pharmacist before they are dispensed.
- 19. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761 provides that no pharmacist shall compound or dispense any prescription containing a significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration, that upon receipt of any such prescription, the pharmacist shall contact the prescriber to obtain the information needed to validate the prescription, and that even after conferring with the prescriber, the pharmacist shall not compound or dispense any controlled substance prescription where the pharmacist knows or has objective reason to know that the prescription was not issued for a legitimate medical purpose.

- 20. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1793.7, subdivision (c) requires that a pharmacy technician wear identification clearly identifying him/her as a pharmacy technician.
- 21. Health and Safety Code section 11153, subdivision (a), requires that a prescription for a controlled substance be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her professional practice, and specifies that the responsibility for proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is on the prescribing practitioner, but that a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription.
- 22. Health and Safety Code section 11158 provides, in pertinent part, that no controlled substance shall be dispensed without a prescription meeting security form requirements.
- 23. Health and Safety Code section 11162.1 specifies the security form requirements that must be met for any written prescription for a controlled substance, including a latent, repetitive "void" pattern printed on the form that becomes visible if the prescription is scanned or copied, a description of the security features included on each prescription form, six quantity check off boxes printed on the form, check boxes for indicating the number of refills, an identifying number assigned to the approved security printer that printed the form, and sequential numbering thereby.
- 24. Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1304.04(f) requires, in pertinent part, that inventories and records of Schedule I and II controlled substances shall be kept separate from all other records, and that inventories and records of Schedule III-V controlled substances shall be either kept separate from other records, or be immediately retrievable from the business records.
- 25. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.

#### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS

- 26. Section 4021 of the Code provides that a "controlled substance" means any substance listed in Schedules I through V contained in Health and Safety Code section 11053 et seq.
  - 27. Section 4022 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- "Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for self use, except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following:

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prescription,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import. . . .

"(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."

28. OxyContin is a brand name for oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(b)(1)(N) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is an opioid analgesic.

"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without

- 29. **Duragesic** is a brand name for a patch delivering **fentanyl**, a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(c)(8) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is an opioid analysesic.
- 30. **Demerol** is a brand name for **meperidine**, a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(b)(2) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is an opioid analgesic.
- 31. **Methadose** is a brand name for **methadone hydrochloride**, a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(c)(14) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is an opioid analgesic.
- 32. Norco, Vicodin, Vicodin ES, Lortab, and Lorcet are among the brand names for compounds of varying dosages of acetaminophen (aka APAP) and Hydrocodone, a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(4) and dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. The varying compounds are also known generically as Hydrocodone with APAP. These are all narcotic drugs.
- 33. **Testosterone** is a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11056(f)(30) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a male hormone.
- 34. Versed is a brand name for midazolam, a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(21) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a sedative drug.

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- 36. **Ambien** is a brand name for **zolpidem**, a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(32) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a depressant drug/sleep aid.
- 37. **Prozac** is a brand name for **fluoxetine hydrochloride**, a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is an anti-depressant drug.
- 38. **Coumadin** is a brand name for **warfarin**, a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is an anti-coagulant drug.
- 39. **Diovan** is a brand name for **valsartan**, a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a drug used to treat high blood pressure.
- 40. **Risperdal** is a brand name for **risperidone**, a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is an anti-psychotic medication.
- 41. **Depakote** is a brand name for **divalproex**, a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a drug used to treat mania and seizures.
- 42. **Geodon** is a brand name for **ziprasidone**, a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a drug used to treat schizophrenia and mania.
- 43. **Lidocaine**, **tetracaine**, and **benzocaine** are dangerous drugs as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. These are local and/or topical anesthetics.
- 44. **Hydroquinone** is a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a drug used to lighten pigmentation and/or dark spots in the skin.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

45. Between in or about August 2010 and in or about May 2011, Bacon East Pharmacy (PHY 33076) in Concord, CA, its ownership/management, and its staff, were the subject(s) of investigation(s) by the Board of Pharmacy. Prior to and during this time period, Respondent was a co-owner, pharmacist, and the Pharmacist in Charge (PIC) for Bacon East Pharmacy. He was a participant as PIC in all of the inspections described in the following.

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- 46. The investigation(s) revealed record-keeping, dispensing, and furnishing practices at Bacon East Pharmacy, under Respondent's stewardship, that failed to comply with the law.
- 47. For instance, during an October 14, 2010 inspection by Board Inspector(s), five (5) pharmacy technicians were on duty in the pharmacy without any of them wearing name tags.
- 48. Also during the inspection on October 14, 2010, Respondent was asked for a copy of the most recent completed Community Pharmacy Self-Assessment Form. Respondent could not produce a form completed in 2009, and the most recent form was completed in 2007.
- Also on October 14, 2010, the Inspector(s) discovered two (2) prescription bottles in the active inventory of the pharmacy that appeared not to have been dispensed from Bacon East Pharmacy, and about which little could be discovered. The first of these was for patient M.L. !: a bottle labeled by Contra Costa Regional Medical Center Hospital Pharmacy, bearing prescription number IP000397546 dated September 14, 2010, containing all of the forty-two (42) divalproex 500 mg unit dose tablets that it was labeled to contain. The second was for patient S.W.1: a bottle labeled with prescription number R41601023 dated April 25, 2010, with no pharmacy name on the label, containing seventeen (17) of the sixty (60) Geodon 80mg caplets that it was labeled to contain. The pharmacy had no records of acquisition for these containers or their contents, and Respondent could not say for sure where they had come from. Respondent suspected that they had been returned to the pharmacy from a half-way house where the patients were residents. The patient profile for each patient maintained by Bacon East Pharmacy showed that on September 16, 2010 Bacon East Pharmacy dispensed prescription number 695042 to patient M.L. for fortytwo (42) Depakote ER 500mg tablets, on September 7, 2010 Bacon East Pharmacy dispensed prescription number 695862 to patient S.W. for twenty-eight (28) Geodon 40mg capsules, and on September 21, 2010 Bacon East Pharmacy dispensed prescription number 695660 to patient S.W. for sixty (60) Geodon 40mg capsules. Both patients were then resident at the half-way house.
- 50. During an October 26, 2010 follow-up inspection, the Board Inspector(s) discovered that the Schedule II prescription documents were filed together with the Schedule III-V materials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The full name(s) will be revealed to Respondent during discovery.

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- 51. On October 26, 2010, the Board Inspector(s) discovered prescription number 699671 dispensed to patient S.M. for **testosterone** 0.2% cream, not written on a security prescription form, and prescription number 699648, dispensed to patient N.C. for an unspecified number of **Duragesic** patches, which did not have a quantity listed and/or the quantity check boxes marked.
- 52. During the course of the inspection(s), the Board Inspector(s) discovered that only a small percentage of the prescription documents retained in the pharmacy had been hand-initialed by the dispensing pharmacist, For instance, out of seventy-five (75) prescriptions numbered from 699400 to 699599 there were eleven (11) with the dispensing pharmacist's initials and sixty-four (64) without initials. Likewise, out of sixty-one (61) prescriptions between 699600 and 699799 there were fourteen (14) with the dispensing pharmacist's initials and forty-seven (47) without. Respondent admitted he could not determine who the dispensing pharmacist was for any of these.
- 53. During the course of the inspection(s), the Board Inspector(s) discovered that all of the labels generated for prescription containers and all of the trailer labels attached to the back of prescriptions printed with the initials "LG." Respondent admitted that these were his initials but that their presence on the label did not mean anything because that was a default that printed on every label and did not reflect the actual identity of the dispensing pharmacist.
- 54. During the course of the inspection(s), the Board Inspector(s) discovered at least six (6) partially-used bubble packs in the active inventory of the pharmacy, two (2) each containing risperidone (Risperdal) and warfarin (Coumadin), and one (1) each containing fluoxetine (Prozac) and Diovan (valsartan), for which the pharmacy had no acquisition records.
- 55. During the course of the investigation(s), the Board Inspector(s) discovered that on at least five (5) occasions between September 5, 2008 and November 5, 2010, Bacon East Pharmacy furnished at least seven (7) compounds containing dangerous drugs to one or more persons who were not prescribers, without a legitimate prescription or other legitimate authorization, relying solely on letters from a Dr. Allen Fujimoto. The dangerous drugs included a topical cream containing hydroquinone (furnished on or about September 5, 2008 and March 2, 2010), and a gel or other topical application containing lidocaine, tetracaine, and/or benzocaine (furnished on or about September 5, 2008, and March 2, May 27, October 22, and November 5, 2010).

- 56. During the investigation of these deliveries, the Board Inspector(s) asked for all of the records of disposition pertaining to Dr. Fujimoto, or either of the subjects of the two letters. As its response, Bacon East Pharmacy produced only one (1) of five (5) monthly billing statements, and only three (3) of five (5) shipping receipts or tracking documents, pertaining to the deliveries listed above. In addition, all of the documents produced related to deliveries to only one of the two persons allegedly authorized to receive deliveries by the letters from Dr. Fujimoto, and there were no records produced that related to any deliveries made to the other subject of the letters.
- 57. Finally, during the course of the investigation(s), the Board Inspector(s) discovered the following with regard to dispensing of controlled substances and dangerous drugs by Bacon East Pharmacy, and/or as to Respondent as dispensing pharmacist and/or Pharmacist in Charge:
- a. In or about August and September 2010, the Board received two complaints by a family member of a Bacon East Pharmacy patient (A.H. 1), claiming that A.H. had recently been hospitalized, that she had been filling OxyContin (or oxycodone) prescriptions with Bacon East Pharmacy for over a year, that between June 21, 2010 and August 10, 2010 she filled excessive prescriptions for OxyContin (or oxycodone) at Bacon East Pharmacy in a total quantity or daily average that nearly killed her, 2 and that A.H.'s prescriber had been disciplined and lost his DEA registration. 3 The complaint(s) asserted that Bacon East Pharmacy ought to have intervened.
- b. Between on or about January 1, 2007 and September 2, 2010, patient A.H. was dispensed one hundred seventeen (117) controlled substance prescriptions, from ten (10) different prescribers, by five (5) different pharmacies. Fifty four (54) of these were dispensed by Bacon East Pharmacy, the largest number among the pharmacies. All fifty four (54) were written by Dickie L. Hill, D.O., and were dispensed between May 8, 2009 and September 2, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> During this time period, patient A.H. filled seven (7) prescriptions for a total of sixty (60) tablets of **OxyContin** (or **oxycodone**) **20mg**, three hundred forty (340) tablets of **OxyContin** (or **oxycodone**) **30mg**, and two hundred eighty (280) tablets of **OxyContin** (or **oxycodone**) **40mg**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Subsequent investigation later confirmed that by Decision and Order of the Osteopathic Medical Board effective September 30, 2010, the prescriber, Dickie L. Hill, D.O., had his license to practice revoked, with the revocation stayed in favor of a probation of five (5) years, on terms and conditions including a limitation to prescribing controlled substances in Schedules III and IV of the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and a requirement that Dr. Hill surrender his DEA registration for cancellation and re-apply for a registration limited to these Schedules.

- c. Prior to coming to Bacon East Pharmacy for the first time on or about May 8, 2009, patient A.H. had a drug history of primarily maintenance prescriptions for **Hydrocodone** with APAP drug products, dispensed approximately monthly with tapering usage. A.H. had also previously been prescribed oxycodone, but not since on or about June 4, 2007, and for almost two (2) years, patient A.H. was not prescribed any Schedule II controlled substances.
- d. Then, on May 8, 2009, upon her first presentation to the pharmacy as a patient, Bacon East Pharmacy dispensed to patient A.H., pursuant to prescriptions from Dr. Hill, ten (10) fentanyl 50mcg patches, fifty (50) oxycodone 15mg and one hundred (100) Oxycontin 40mg. This was a significant jump in controlled substance pain therapy for patient A.H.
- e. Bacon East Pharmacy continued to dispense Schedule II controlled substances to patient A.H., pursuant to prescriptions from Dr. Hill, on approximately a monthly basis from May 2009 to August 2010, for a total of fifty four (54) prescriptions. The prescribed medications included fentanyl, OxyContin/oxycodone, and sleep medications.
- f. At least one other patient for whom Dr. Hill prescribed had a high volume of controlled substance prescriptions dispensed by Bacon East Pharmacy. Between January 1, 2009 and September 2, 2010, patient M.T. was dispensed the largest number of **Hydrocodone with APAP 10/325** prescriptions (42), and the largest number of **OxyContin 80mg** prescriptions (40), all written by Dr. Hill. During this time period, Dr. Hill also wrote for patient M.T., and Bacon East Pharmacy dispensed to patient M.T., seven (7) prescriptions for **oxycodone 30mg**, seventeen (17) prescriptions for **alprazolam**, and nineteen (19) prescriptions for **Ambien**.
- g. At least with regard to these two patients, neither Respondent nor anyone else at Bacon East Pharmacy sufficiently investigated or acted upon suspicious circumstances that suggested the impropriety of the controlled substance prescriptions dispensed.
- h. Respondent admitted to Board Inspector(s) that neither he nor anyone else at Bacon East Pharmacy made a practice of assessing a patient's therapy for questionable patterns of use before dispensing controlled substance prescriptions, and said that he considered it the job of the prescriber to determine the propriety of the prescription(s) for the patient(s).
  - i. Respondent said that he and his colleagues did not tend to ask many questions.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Pharmacy Technician(s) Not Wearing Identification Badge(s))

58. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(o) and/or section 4113(c) of the Code, by reference to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1793.7, subdivision (c), for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violations of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraph 47 above, on or about October 14, 2010 the pharmacy technician(s) at Bacon East Pharmacy was/were not wearing appropriate identification badge(s).

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Complete Biennial Pharmacy Self-Assessment Form(s))

59. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(o) and/or section 4113(c) of the Code, by reference to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1715, subdivision (a), for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violations of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraph 48 above, on or about October 14, 2010 the most recent Community Pharmacy Self-Assessment Form had been completed in 2007, rather than in 2009 as required.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Incomplete Inventory and/or Records of Acquisition)

60. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(o) and/or section 4113(c) of the Code, by reference to section(s) 4081, 4105, 4332 and/or 4342 of the Code, and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718, for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violations of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraphs 49 and 54 above, on or about October 14, 2010 and/or October 26, 2010, Bacon East Pharmacy had in its inventory at least eight (8) dangerous drugs for which it had no or inadequate records of acquisition.

#### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Segregate Schedule II Prescription Documents)

61. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(o) and/or section 4113(c) of the Code, by reference to Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1304.04(f), for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violation(s) of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraph 50 above, on or about October 26, 2010 the Schedule II prescription documents were filed together with the Schedule III-V documents, rather than being segregated.

#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dispensing Controlled Substance(s) Without Compliant Security Prescription(s))

62. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o), and/or section 4113(c), of the Code, by reference to Health and Safety Code section(s) 11158 and/or 11162.1, for violating statutes regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violation(s) of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraph 51 above, on one or more occasions Bacon East Pharmacy dispensed one or more controlled substances pursuant to a prescription that either was not written on a security prescription form, or did not have the requisite information listed on the form.

### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Identify Dispensing Pharmacist(s))

63. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(o) and/or section 4113(c) of the Code, by reference to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1717, subdivision (b), for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violation(s) of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraphs 52 and 53 above, a dispensing pharmacist could often not be identified.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing to Unauthorized Person(s) and/or Improper Dispensing)

64. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(o) and/or section 4113(c) of the Code, by reference to section(s) 4059 and/or 4059.5 of the Code, and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section(s) 1716 and/or 1761, for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violation(s) of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraph 55 above, on one or more occasions Bacon East Pharmacy furnished dangerous drugs to persons not authorized to receive same, deviated from the requirements from a prescription, and/or dispensed a prescription containing a significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity, or alteration.

#### EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Incomplete Inventory and/or Records of Disposition)

65. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(o) and/or section 4113(c) of the Code, by reference to section(s) 4081, 4105, 4332 and/or 4342 of the Code, and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718, for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violations of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraph 56 above, Bacon East Pharmacy was unable to produce all records of the dispositions described in paragraph 55 above.

#### NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Subversion or Attempted Subversion of Investigation)

66. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(o) and/or (q) and/or section 4113(c) of the Code, for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, for subverting or attempting to subvert a Board investigation, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violations of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraphs 56 and 65 above, failure to produce adequate records subverted a Board investigation.

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#### TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure(s) to Meet Corresponding Responsibility of Pharmacist(s))

67. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o), and/or section 4113(c), of the Code, by reference to Health and Safety Code sections 11153 and/or California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761, for violating statutes regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy, or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violation(s) of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraph 57 above, on one or more occasions Respondent and/or other pharmacists at Bacon East Pharmacy who filled controlled substance prescription(s) failed to meet his/her/their corresponding responsibility as to the legitimacy of the prescription(s).

#### ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Inappropriate Exercise of Education, Training, or Experience as Pharmacist)

68. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o), section 4306.5, and/or section 4113(c), of the Code: for violating statutes regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs; for directly or indirectly violating, attempting to violate, or assisting in or abetting a violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy; for inappropriately exercising his education, training, or experience as a pharmacist, failing to exercise or implement his best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility with regard to the dispensing or furnishing of controlled substances or dangerous drugs, failing to consult appropriate patient, prescription, and other records pertaining to performance of a pharmacy function, or failing to fully maintain and retain appropriate patient-specific information pertaining to performance of a pharmacy function; and/or in his role as Pharmacist in Charge for violation(s) of laws or regulations by Bacon East Pharmacy or its employee(s), in that, as described in paragraph 57 above, Respondent and/or other pharmacists at Bacon East Pharmacy who filled controlled substance prescription(s) failed to properly exercise his/their education, training and experience, failed to exercise or implement his/their best professional judgment/corresponding responsibility, and/or failed to consult or maintain appropriate patient records for pharmacy function(s).

#### TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 45 to 68 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License No. RPH 28046, issued to Larry Alan Grabel (Respondent);
- Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and 2. enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper.

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